

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/931,222	CHEN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	LIEN TM NGO	3727	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3-17-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 15 and 17-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 September 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Joseph Catanzaro on 5/6/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, sentence (d)), line 3, after "wallet", "for" has been deleted and replaced there a punctuation -- , --; and after "member,", -- for -- has been added.

In claim 7, sentence (f)), line 3, after "positions,", "said walls" has been changed to --said at least two walls--, and in line 9 of the sentence (f)), after "from", "said at least one wall" have been changed to -- said inner wall --.

In claim 10, line 2, "said opposed" has been changed to --the opposed--.

In claim 15, line 2, after "having", "at least" has been deleted;

in sentence (a)), before "first", -- a -- has been inserted, and two occurrences "at least one" have been deleted;

in sentence (b)), before "second", -- a -- has been inserted;

in sentence (c)), lines 3 and 4, "without use of any extension member" has been deleted; and in line 2 of sentence (c)), between "said wallet" and "at locations",

-- , without use of any extension member, -- has been inserted,

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and in lines 3, 6 and 7 of sentence (c)), three occurrences "at least one" have been deleted.

In claim 17, sentence (a)), after "thereto", --and an external compartment inaccessible through said enclosure -- has been added;

In sentence (b)), line 2, "zipper-type closure" has been changed to --zipper closure--; in lines 2 and 3 of sentence (b)), after "closure", "extending generally parallel to said primary opening of said closure" has been deleted and replaced there --to selectively permit access in to the wallet--; and in line 6 of sentence (b)), "and external" has been changed to -- said external --, and "inaccessible through said enclosure" has been deleted;

in sentence (c)), line 4, "without use of any extension member" has been deleted; and in line 2 of sentence (c)), after "wallet", -- , without use of any extension member, -- has been inserted.

In claim 19, sentence (e)), line 3, "without use of any extension member" has been deleted; and in line 2 of sentence (e)), after the first occurrence "wallet", --, without use of any extension member, -- has been inserted.

In claim 20, sentence (d)), line 5, "without use of any extension member" has been deleted; and in line 3 of sentence (d)), after "wallet", --, without use of any extension member, -- has been inserted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 15, 17-23 are allowed, because the closest prior art Seamon (Pub. US

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2002/0121322) does not disclose or suggest magnetically attractable devices attached directly to first and second walls of a wallet, without use of any extension member, for removably retaining the wallet in position within an external compartment of a handbag by magnetic attractive force respectively between the inner wall and the closure panel of the compartment and the first and second walls of the wallet.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LIEN TM NGO whose telephone number is 703-305-0294. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM -6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LEE YOUNG can be reached on 703-308-2572. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Lien Ngo

May 7, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lien Ngo", written in a cursive style.